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1. AMB. WALKER COMMENTS ON REFTEL. I CONCUR IN THE REFTEL JUDGMENT THAT OPPOSITION BY EC TO ADDING SUPPLY ACCESS AS AGENDA ITEM MAKES IT LIKELY WE WILL BE ISOLATED AT THE OCTOBER 12 MEETING IF WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW STRATEGY TO DATE. HOWEVER, ABANDONMENT OF SUPPLY ACCESS INITIATIVE AT THIS STAGE LIKELY TO FORECLOSE OUR ABILITY TO INJECT THIS TOPIC INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN A TIMELY WAY. CONSEQUENTLY, I AM OF THE VIEW THAT HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO SEEK EC AND JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR INCLUDING THIS TOPIC ON THE AGENDA.

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I WOULD THEREFORE DEFER A DECISION ON REFTEL OPTIONS PENDING

OUTCOME OF ATTEMPT TO TURN EC AROUND AND TO WIN OVER JAPANESE.

2. I SUGGEST THAT USEC MISSION BE ASKED TO RAISE SUBJECT OF SUPPLY ACCESS AT THE COMMISSION LEVEL. MTN DEL CAN PROVIDE TALKING POINTS IF NEEDED. I ALSO NOTE THAT PHAN VAN PHI IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH FEKETEKUTY NEXT WEEK ON THIS TOPIC. PERHAPS HE HAS A BUREAUCRATIC ATTACHMENT TO THE SUBJECT WHICH CAN BE USED TO ADVANCE OUR INTEREST AND WHICH SHOULD BE EXPLOITED AT THE SAME TIME. I SUGGEST THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY TOKYO BE ASKED TO MAKE A SIMILAR HIGH-LEVEL APPROACH IN TOKYO. DESPITE PARA 2 REFTTEL, I WOULD NOT SUGGEST APPROACHING GOF IN PARIS.

3. THIS WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CANADA AND AUSTRALIA WHO, NO DOUBT, WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE SETTLEMENT. NONETHELESS, IF EC AND JAPAN CAN BE BROUGHT ON BOARD A WAY CAN PERHAPS BE FOUND TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SUPPLY ACCESS.

4. IS THE LONG-PLANNED US EXPORT RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION READY TO FILE? CONCEIVABLY MAKING THIS FILING IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO COULD STRENGTHEN OUR HAND BY CASTING THE SUPPLY ACCESS ISSUE IN CONCRETE TERMS.
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